

The first end 468 is operatively connected to the outer member 434 at location 72. The second end 470 terminates in a connecting member 476.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 18 and 21 have been rewritten as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A bag for carrying a ball wherein said bag includes a an outer member (34) defining an interior and an exterior surface configured in the shape of a ball and having an opening (38) positioned therein for inserting and removing a ball from the outer member, said bag comprising a carrying handle (60) operatively connected in a predetermined position to said outer member (34) at a location other than the opening (38), said carrying handle (60) having a first strap member (64) having a first end (68) and a second end (70), said first end (68) being operatively connected to said exterior surface of said outer member (34), said second end (70) terminating in a connecting member (76) and a second strap member (90) having a first end (92) and a second end (79), said first end (92) being operatively mounted on the exterior surface of said outer member (34) and said second end (79) interacting

with said connecting member (76) forming a carrying handle (60) wherein said connecting member (76) and said second end (79) are moveable relative to each other; and

2 a fastening member (50) located within said opening (38) and extending in a selected direction on said outer member (34) wherein at least a portion thereof extends in a direction substantially perpendicular to said carrying handle (60), said carrying handle (60) being positioned to refrain from interfering with the inserting and removing of a ball from said outer member (34) defining the bag.

3 18. (Fourth Amended) A bag for holding a ball comprising an outer member (34) having an interior and an exterior surface configured in the shape of a ball and defining an inner enclosed space, said exterior surface including an opening (38) formed therein in a selected direction and in communication with said inner enclosed space for affording the insertion and removal of ball therefrom;

2 a carrying handle (60) operatively connected in a predetermined position to said outer member at a location other than the opening (38), said carrying handle having a first strap

member (64) having a first end (68) and a second end (70), said first end (68) being operatively connected to said outer member (34), said second end (68) terminating in a connecting member (76), and said first strap member (64) having a first end (92) and a second end (79), said first end (92) being operatively mounted on the outer member (34) and said second end (79) interacting with said connecting member (76) forming a carrying handle (60) wherein said connecting member (76) and said second end (79) are moveable relative to each other;

a fastening member (50) having an open and a closed position, said fastening member (50) being operatively connected to said opening (38) wherein at least a portion thereof extends in a direction substantially perpendicular to said first end (92) and said second end (79) of the carrying handle (60) and being adapted to make said opening (38) an unsecured opening when said fastening member (50) is in the open position and adapted to make said opening (38) a secured opening when said fastening member (50) is in a closed position; and

at least one outer pocket (40) configured to be expanded to receive an article wherein said at least one outer pocket (40)

is positioned on and protrudes outwardly from the exterior surface of said outer member at a location other than the opening (38) and having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said one outer pocket (40).

21. (Thrice Amended) A bag for holding a ball comprising a outer member (34) having an interior and an exterior surface configured in the shape of a ball and defining an inner enclosed space, said exterior surface including an opening (30) formed therein in a selected direction and in communication with said inner enclosed space for affording the insertion and removal of ball from said outer member;

a carrying handle (60) having a first strap member (64) having a first end (68) and a second end (70) operatively connected in a predetermined position to said outer member (34) at a location other than the opening (38), said carrying handle (60) having said first end (68) being operatively connected to said exterior surface of said outer member (34), said second end (70) terminating in a connecting member (76), and a second strap member (90) having a first end (92) and said second end (79) interacting with said connecting member (76) forming a carrying

handle (60) wherein said connecting member (76) and said second end (79) are moveable relative to each other;

a fastening member (50) having an open and a closed position, said fastening member (50) being operatively connected to said opening (38) wherein at least a portion thereof extends in a direction substantially perpendicular to said first end (68) and said second end (70) of the carrying handle and being adapted to make said opening an unsecured opening when said fastening member is in the open position and adapted to make said opening (38) a secured opening when said fastening member (50) is in a closed position; and

at least one outer pocket (40) positioned on and protruding outwardly from the exterior surface of said outer member (34) at a location other than the opening (38) and having an entryway (42) enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said one outer pocket (40).

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ADDITIONAL FEES

No additional fees are deemed due herein. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.